

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 680

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Velma Howell Brinkley of Gallatin upon her reception of a 2007 Tennessee Historical Commission Certificate of Merit Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Velma Howell Brinkley of Gallatin, who was recently chosen as a recipient of a 2007 Certificate of Merit Award by the Tennessee Historical Commission; and

WHEREAS, the award is a fitting recognition of Ms. Brinkley's numerous contributions to the study of African-American history, a passion she has held and pursued for many years; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Historical Commission presents its Certificate of Merit Awards each year during the month of May, Historic Preservation Month. Ms. Brinkley was chosen due to her personification and embodiment of the Historic Preservation Month 2007 theme: "Making Preservation Work"; and

WHEREAS, Velma Brinkley epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Velma Brinkley for her dedication to the study of African-American history, providing for the edification of the citizens of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Velma Howell Brinkley upon her reception of a 2007 Tennessee Historical Commission Certificate of Merit Award, applaud her dedication

to uncovering and preserving African-American history, and extend to her our best wishes for her every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.